

**Jefferson County High School
Course Syllabus**

- A.** Advanced Placement (AP) European History
- B.** Social Studies Department
- C.** The AP European History course focuses on developing students' understanding of European history from approximately 1450 to the present. The course has students investigate the content of European history for significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in four historical periods, and develop and use the same thinking skills and methods (analyzing primary and secondary sources, making historical comparisons, chronological reasoning, and argumentation) employed by historians when they study the past. The course also provides five themes (interaction of Europe and the world, poverty and prosperity, objective knowledge and subjective visions, states and other institutions of power, and individual and society) that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places.
- D.** This course is taught over a full school year, but is paired with Advanced Placement (AP) Literature.
- E.** The grading scale used in this course follows the AP scale and awards an additional 1.0 point to the standard GPA.

<u>Range</u>		<u>AP</u>
93-100	A	5.0
85-92	B	4.0
75-84	C	3.0
70-74	D	2.0

- F.** The year will be divided into 4 quarters, outlined as follows:
- 1st 9 Weeks August 5, 2016 – October 7, 2016
 - 2nd 9 Weeks October 8, 2016 – December 16, 2016
 - 3rd 9 Weeks January 5, 2017 – March 15, 2017
 - 4th 9 Weeks March 16, 2017 – May 25, 2017
- G.** The textbook assigned to this course is *Western Civilization since 1300* by Jackson J. Spielvogel
- H.** Other supplementary texts will be provided by the instructor as deemed necessary for the understanding and comprehension of student(s).

- I.** Other resources used during the course are as follows:
- a. Odysseyware
 - b. John Green's *Crash Course World History*
 - c. Hank Green's *Crash Course Philosophy*
 - d. Hank Green's *Crash Course Psychology*
- J.** Parents may access necessary course information through the following ways:
- a. Aspen Parent Portal
 - b. Instructor's Website
 - c. Email Instructor
 - d. Parent Teacher Conference
 - a. There are two designated conference dates during the school year. Parents who would like to request additional meetings may make appointments for conferences with the teachers (during their planning periods), counselors, or a principal by telephoning the school office.
- K.** Students will have an opportunity to see several plays and musicals through the Barter theatre; the themes of which will all be centered on European History or European Literature.
- L.** Information regarding standards and objectives for this course can be accessed through the College Board website, by clicking on the AP European History tab.

